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SUBJECT: A MORE DANGEROUS QADHAFI

1. RCC DECISION OF APRIL 2 ALTERING LEADERSHIP ROLES OF QADHAFI AND JALLUD UNDERSTANDABLY CAUSED FAIR AMOUNT OF WISHFUL THINKING IN ARAB WORLD. MUCH OF IT PROBABLY WENT ALONG LINES THAT UNPREDICTABLE QADHAFI HAD BEEN EASED AWAY FROM HIS POSITION OF POWER TO THE BENEFIT OF A LESS TROUBLE-SOME JALLUD. THIS WE BELIEVE IS NOT ONLY MISTAKEN BUT COULD BE RISKY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE REASON TO WORRY ABOUT SUBVERSION
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FROM LIBYA.

2. IT COULD WELL BE ARGUED QADHAFI IS IN MORE FAVORABLE AND DANGEROUS POSITION THAN BEFORE. HE IS A NATURAL CONSPIRATOR AND DEMAGOGUE, AND IS FREED NOW TO PLAY THESE ROLES WITH RENEWED ZEAL. IT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND, TOO, THAT HE IS MORE ACTIVIST THAN THEORIST. JALLUD WILL CERTAINLY BE BUSIER AND PROBABLY WILL EXERCISE MORE AUTHORITY IN TRYING TO MANAGE LARG'S REAPIDLY EXPANDING ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. WHILE HE WILL CARRY SOME BURDENS AS CHIEF OF STATE (INCLUDING RECEIVING AMBASSADOR'S CREDENTIALS, ACCORDING TO SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL), JALLUD IS EXPECTED TO WORK AS ALWAYS WITHIN QADHAFI'S POLICY GUIDELINES, SUFFERING ECCENTRICITIES AND SUDDEN INTERVENTIONS BY THE LEADER. QADHAFI'S ARBITRARY EXPENDITURES, WHICH HAVE BEEN SAID TO HAVE CAUSED CRITICISM IN THE RCC, COULD BE SOURCE OF TROUBLE BETWEEN THEM, BUT MONEY IS NOT THE PROBLEM HERE IT IS TO MOST GOVERNMENTS.

3. WITHIN LIBYA LEADERSHIP CHANGE IS CERTAINLY NOT BEING ASSOCIATED WITH RESPITE FROM REVOLUTIONARY EXHORTATION. PEOPLES COURT IS AGAIN IN SESSION JUDGING ALLEGED CRIMES COMMITTED BY LEADERS OF FORMER REGIME. IN HIS LAST TWO PUBLIC SPEECHES JALLUD MADE ANGRY DEMANDS FOR LIBYANS TO BREAK OUT OF THEIR APATHY AND BE WORTHY OF THE COUNTRY'S REVOLUTION.
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